

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An online ordering system for food outlets, comprising:
 - at least a first computer system which is accessible via the Internet under at least one domain, in which data on food outlets are stored and on which an interactive program runs,
 - in each case a communication connection which can be established at least temporarily between the computer system and at least a large number of all the food outlets covered and which in each case,
 - generates an e-mail comprising an order, whereby
a fax is generated from said e-mail by said system or a connected system or a connected fax server, and whereby said system
connects an output device and/or display device comprising a fax machine at the
food outlets to the first computer system, and whereby said system or a connected
system or a connected fax server transmits said fax to said fax machine.
2. Cancelled
3. (Original) The online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that an interactive program runs on the first computer system.
4. (Original) The online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it comprises at least a second computer system, which is connected to the Internet and can communicate with the first computer system.
5. (Original) The online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the second computer system comprises a fax server.

6. (Original) The online ordering system as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the program comprises at least one prompted user program and one unprompted user program.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system, in

particular of operating the online ordering system as claimed in claim 1,

comprising the following steps:

display of ~~the~~ a start page,

preferably user input of a geographical specification,

response of the system to the user input on the basis of the stored data on the food

outlets and display of the food outlets, preferably within the specified

geographical area,

user input in such a way that one of the displayed food outlets is selected,

response of the system to the user input on the basis of the stored data on the food

outlets and display of the items of food offered by the food outlet selected,

user input in such a way that one of the displayed items of food is selected o a

table reservation is made,

response of the system to the user input and transmission of the order to the food

outlet selected, and whereby an e-mail is generated comprising an order and a fax

is generated from said e-mail by said system or a connected system or a connected

fax server, and whereby said fax is transmitted to a fax machine at said selected

food outlet.

8. Cancelled

9. (Original) The method of operating an online ordering system as claimed in claim 7,

characterized in that it also comprises the following steps:

displaying various categories of food,

user input of a specific category of the categories of food displayed, and

response of the system to the user input on the basis of the stored data on the food

outlets and display of the food outlets which offer the category of food selected.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system as

claimed in claim 7 [[1]], characterized in that it also comprises the following step:

transmitting a message to the orderer on the success/failure of passing on the

order to the food outlet.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system as

claimed in claim 7 [[1]], characterized in that it also comprises the following

steps:

display of price categories of the food outlets,

user input of a specific category of the price categories displayed, and

response of the system to the user input on the basis of the stored data on the food

outlets and display of the food outlets which ass into the price categories selected.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system as

claimed in claim 7 [[1]], characterized in that it also comprises the following step:

user input of a delivery time and storage of the same by the system.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an online ordering system as

claimed in claim 7 [[1]], characterized in that it also comprises the following step:

user input of a delivery address and storage of the same by the system.

14. Previously Cancelled

15. (Currently Amended) Use of an online ordering system for food outlets,

comprising:

at least a first computer system which is accessible via the Internet under at least one domain, in which data on food outlets are stored and on which a program runs,

in each case a communication connection which can be established at least temporarily between the computer system and at least a large number of all the food outlets covered and which ~~in each case~~,

generates an e-mail comprising an order, whereby

a fax is generated from said e-mail by said system or a connected system or a connected fax server, and whereby said system,

connects an output device and/or display device comprising a fax machine at the food outlets to the first computer system, and whereby said system or a connected system or a connected fax server transmits said fax to said fax machine and transmits said fax to said fax machine,

for carrying out the method as claimed in claim 7.